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In re application of:      **Penk et al.**      Confirmation No.:      3301  
U.S. Serial Number:      **09/976,604**      Art Unit:      2143  
Filing Date:      10-12-2001      Examiner:      **England, David E.**  
Our Reference Number:      **A-6727 (191910-1800)**  
Title:      **Mechanism for Implementing Network Discovery in a Cable Network**

**Amendment Transmittal  
Response to Non-Final Office Action**

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (LARGE)</b>				Docket No. <b>A-6727 (191910-1800)</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Penk et al.</b>					
Serial No. <b>09/976,604</b>	Filing Date <b>October 12, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>England, David E.</b>	Confirmation No. <b>3301</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2143</b>	
Invention: <b>Mechanism for Implementing Network Discovery in a Cable Network</b>					
<b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>Mall Stop Amendment</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria VA 22313-1450</b>					
Transmitted herewith is Response to Non-Final Office Action in the above-identified application.					
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<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>41 -</b>	<b>43 =</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>X \$50.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>INDEP. CLAIMS</b>	<b>5 -</b>	<b>5 =</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>X \$200.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>				<b>\$360.00</b>	<b>\$</b>
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed *January 26, 2006* has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter and consider the following:

- 1) *Amendments to the Specification* (starting on p. 2 of this document);
- 2) *Amendments to the Claims* (starting on p. 7 of this document); and
- 3) *Remarks* (starting on p. 16 of this document).

Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.